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## DECLARATION (37 CFR 1.63) FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN APPLICATION USING AN APPLICATION DATA SHEET (37 CFR 1.76)



### Title of Invention      STANDARD DILUENT FOR MULTIPLEX ASSAYS

As the below named inventor(s), I/we declare that:

This declaration is directed to:

- The attached application, or  
 Application No. 10/017,788 filed on December 13, 2001  
 as amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable);

I/we believe that I/we am/are the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought;

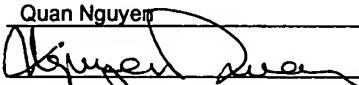
I/we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified application, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above;

I/we acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me/us to be material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56, including material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the National or PCT International filing date of the continuation-in-part application, if applicable; and

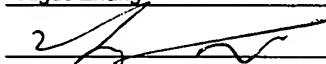
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### FULL NAME OF INVENTOR(S)

Inventor 1      Quan Nguyen      Date: 3/5/02

Signature:  Citizen of: United States

Inventor 2      Aiguo Zhang      Date: 3/5/02

Signature:  Citizen of: United States

Inventor 3      \_\_\_\_\_      Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Citizen of: \_\_\_\_\_

Inventor 4      \_\_\_\_\_      Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Additional inventors are being named on form(s) attached hereto.

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Filing Date	December 13, 2001
First Named Inventor	Quan NGUYEN
Title	STANDARD DILUENT FOR MULTIPLEX ASSAYS
Group Art Unit	1645
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Attorney Docket Number	002558-064310US

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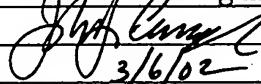
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X Assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71.

Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).

SIGNATURE of Applicant or Assignee of Record

Name	John J. Casingham, Esq., Assistant Secretary
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Date	3/6/02

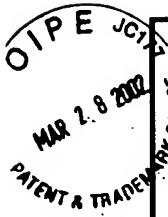
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**STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)**

Applicant/Patent Owner: Quan NGUYEN and Aiguo ZHANG

Application No./Patent No.: 10/017,788 Filed/Issue Date: December 13, 2001

Entitled: STANDARD DILUENT FOR MULTIPLEX ASSAYS

Bio-Rad Laboratories, Inc., a Delaware corporation.

(Name of Assignee) (Type of Assignee, e.g., corporation, partnership, university, government agency, etc.)

states that it is:

1.  the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest; or
2.  an assignee of less than the entire right, title and interest.  
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in the patent application/patent identified above by virtue of either:

A.  An assignment from the inventor(s) of the patent application/patent identified above. The assignment was recorded in the United States Patent and Trademark Office at Reel \_\_\_\_, Frame \_\_\_\_, or for which a copy thereof is attached.

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The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee.

3/6/02

Date

John J. Cassingham, Esq.

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### ASSIGNMENT OF PATENT APPLICATION

JOINT

WHEREAS, Quan Nguyen of 249 Golf Links, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523; Aiguo Zhang of Carlos Bee Blvd., #210, Hayward, CA 94542; hereinafter referred to as "Assignors," are the inventors of the invention described and set forth in the below-identified application for United States Letters Patent:

Title of Invention: STANDARD DILUENT FOR MULTIPLEX ASSAYS

Date(s) of execution of Declaration: 3/5/02 ; 3/6/02

Filing Date: December 13, 2001

Application No.: 10/017,788; and

WHEREAS, Bio-Rad Laboratories, Inc., a corporation of the state of Delaware, located at 1000 Alfred Nobel Drive, Hercules, CA, 94547, hereinafter referred to as "ASSIGNEE," is desirous of acquiring an interest in the invention and application and in any U.S. Letters Patent and Registrations which may be granted on the same;

For good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged by Assignors, Assignors have assigned, and by these presents do assign to Assignee all right, title and interest in and to the invention and application and to all foreign counterparts (including patent, utility model and industrial designs), and in and to any Letters Patent and Registrations which may hereafter be granted on the same in the United States and all countries throughout the world, and to claim the priority from the application as provided by the Paris Convention. The right, title and interest is to be held and enjoyed by Assignee and Assignee's successors and assigns as fully and exclusively as it would have been held and enjoyed by Assignors had this Assignment not been made, for the full term of any Letters Patent and Registrations which may be granted thereon, or of any division, renewal, continuation in whole or in part, substitution, conversion, reissue, prolongation or extension thereof.

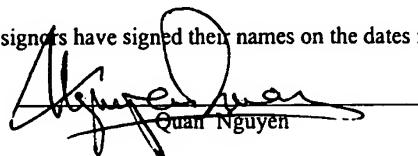
Assignors further agree that they will, without charge to Assignee, but at Assignee's expense, (a) cooperate with Assignee in the prosecution of U.S. Patent applications and foreign counterparts on the invention and any improvements, (b) execute, verify, acknowledge and deliver all such further papers, including patent applications and instruments of transfer, and (c) perform such other acts as Assignee lawfully may request to obtain or maintain Letters Patent and Registrations for the invention and improvements in any and all countries, and to vest title thereto in Assignee, or Assignee's successors and assigns.

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Assignors hereby authorize and request Townsend and Townsend and Crew LLP, Two Embarcadero Center, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, San Francisco, CA 94111-3834, to insert herein above the application number and filing date of said application when known.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, Assignors have signed their names on the dates indicated.

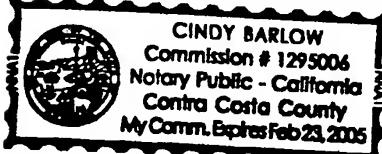
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Quan Nguyen

STATE OF CALIFORNIA )  
COUNTY OF Contra Costa ) ss.

On March 6, 2002, before me, Cindy Barlow Notary Public, personally appeared Quan Nguyen, personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same in his/her authorized capacity, and that by his/her signature on the instrument the person, or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

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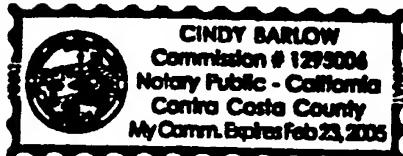


Aiguo Zhang

STATE OF CALIFORNIA )  
COUNTY OF Contra Costa ) ss.

On March 6, 2002, before me, Cindy Barlow, Notary Public, personally appeared Aiguo Zhang, personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same in his/her authorized capacity, and that by his/her signature on the instrument the person, or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

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